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of Gallatin County*

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education, addiction, and
mental health treatment
services to help on your
path to recovery.*

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Today's Heroin Epidemic

Heroin use has increased across the US among men and women, most age groups, and all income levels.

Some of the greatest increases occurred in demographic groups with historically low rates of heroin use: women, the privately insured, and people with higher incomes.

Not only are people using heroin, they are also abusing multiple other substances, especially cocaine and prescription opioid painkillers.

As heroin use has increased, so have heroin-related overdose deaths. Between 2002 and 2013, the rate of heroin-related overdose deaths nearly quadrupled, and more than 8,200 people died in 2013.

States play a central role in prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts for this growing epidemic.

Read more: <http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/heroin/index.htm>

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Music On Main Street...Bozeman, Montana

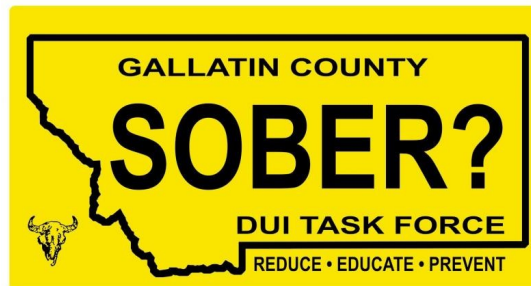
Gallatin DUI Task Force

The vision for the Gallatin County DUI Task Force is to be the “face of DUI prevention” by providing education, funding, networking opportunities, enforcement, and public advocacy in Gallatin County.

The Gallatin County DUI Task Force is a citizens group appointed by the County Commissioners to develop and/or fund public education, awareness, and enforcement projects to reduce the number of alcohol and drug related crashes and deaths in Gallatin County.

DUI Task Force Purpose

- Prevent DUI
- Reduce Alcohol Related Traffic Incidence
- Educate Public on Dangers of DUI



Since 1982, the Task Force has provided a forum for proactive discussion and a place for professionals in the field to come together to discuss this critical issue, and to design constructive and effective courses of action.



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Elks Drug Awareness Program
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The largest volunteer drug awareness program in the United State is the Elks National Drug Awareness Program.

It is a community-based drug prevention program that partners with the Drug Enforcement Agency, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and Pride Youth Programs.

The purpose of these partnerships is to ensure that the Elks Drug Awareness Program is addressing the leading drug abuse issues facing our communities today.

Every year, the Elks Drug Awareness Program hands out more than seven million pieces of anti-drug literature to parents, teachers and kids. The brochures are primarily distributed through the program's 90 drug education trailers, which travel to community gatherings, such as fairs and sporting events.

The Elks have also teamed up with Marvel Comic Books to produce a book featuring Marvel superheroes and Elroy the Elk in a battle against underage drinking.

Other educational materials offered by the program include prevention tools for parents, videos, coloring books, posters and public service announcements.

From a young age, the Drug Awareness Program asks kids to think about what it means to be drug free. Through the program's annual essay and poster contest s, kids can express their feelings on rejecting peer pressure.

At events, including Red Ribbon Week ceremonies, Elks and their friends serve as role models who show kids that living drug free is the way to be.

The Elks are committed to eliminating the use and abuse of illegal drugs by all members of society and believe that in order to ensure a bright future for our country, it is essential that our children be raised in a drug-free environment.

For more information about the Elks Drug Awareness Program visit: <http://www.elks.org/dap/>



Founded by a mother whose daughter was killed by a drunk driver, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is the nation's largest nonprofit working to protect families from drunk and drugged driving.

MADD's mission statement is to "End drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, and support the victims of these violent crimes and prevent underage drinking."

The vision is a nation without drunk and drugged driving. MADD wants No More Victims.

To contact MADD MT, please reach out to our Victim Services Specialist, Madison Brown, at Madison.Brown@MADD.org.





Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

No amount of alcohol during pregnancy is guaranteed to be safe.

Any amount of alcohol, even one glass of wine, passes from the mother to the developing baby. Wine, beer, or distilled spirits (vodka, rum, tequila, etc.) all pose a risk.

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FASD is caused by a woman drinking alcohol during pregnancy. There is no known amount of alcohol that is safe to drink while pregnant. There is also no safe time to drink during pregnancy and no safe kind of alcohol to drink while pregnant.

To prevent FASD, a woman should not drink alcohol while she is pregnant, or when becoming pregnant is possible. This is because a woman can get pregnant and not know for several weeks or more (half of all pregnancies in the United States are unplanned).

Parents of children with an FASD face unique challenges. A child with an FASD may get into trouble or act out, they may need to be told things many times, and they may do things without understanding the consequences.

When they get older, they may not be able to live alone. However, studies have shown that early diagnosis and a stable, positive environment can improve the outlook for people with an FASD.

For more information about FASD visit: <http://fasdcenter.samhsa.gov/index.aspx>